

TOWN OF CARLISLE

Snow Plowing and Sidewalk Plowing Policy

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

Purpose: It is the purpose of this policy to establish a practical and consistent policy for the plowing of and removal of snow from all public ways, including sidewalks and other public properties within the Town of Carlisle.

General Information: The Carlisle Department of Public Works maintains over 55 miles of roads, over 11 miles of sidewalks, all municipal parking lots, the Cemetery, and all school properties. Under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works, the Town utilizes both municipal employees with Town owed vehicles as well as private contractors in order to ensure all roads and ways are plowed and treated for vehicular and pedestrian traffic in as short a time as possible following snowfall or related inclement weather. The Superintendent of Public Works will establish priorities of clearing and treatment depending on road usage and general public safety.

General Policy: It is the policy of the Town of Carlisle to plow only public ways and other properties owned by the Town. For purposes of this policy a public way is defined as a street or way that has been accepted by Carlisle Town Meeting in accordance with Section 10.3.8 of the Town of Carlisle General Bylaws, or any street or way included on the master list of public ways on file in the Town Clerk's office. Additional streets or ways may be added to the master list of public ways but only by an affirmative vote of the Board of Selectmen laying out said street or way and an affirmative vote of Town Meeting accepting said street or way as a public way.

The DPW personnel will not be dispatched to salt, sand or plow private residential property, including common driveways or other private ways, or to shovel/plow out around resident mailboxes except in an emergency. Residents are expected to maintain posts and mailboxes to withstand New England winter weather and should repair/replace as needed.

Vehicles Parked in Public Ways: In accordance with Section 10.3.9 of the Town of Carlisle General Bylaws the Town may at the owner's expense remove any vehicle that is in any way impeding the effective removal of snow from a public way or public parking facility. The Town may assess a fine of \$10 for such offence. In order to facilitate an efficient process the Town requests and suggests that no vehicles be parked or left on public ways until plowing operations are complete, generally 4 -6 hours after snow events cease.

Sidewalks/Pathways: The Town will plow and/or remove snow from the following sidewalks and pathways. These are the main walking routes for the schools and Town Center. The Town will make a final clean up of the sidewalks and pathways as soon as possible after the storm ends and all roadways are plowed and treated.

Town Plowed Sidewalks/Pathways: Police Station to Fire Station (Lowell Rd and Westford Rd.)

Bedford Rd. from School Street to the Post Office
Pathway from the Library to the School

Plow Damage

The Town is not responsible for plow damage to lawns, sprinkler heads, fences, steps, trees or mailboxes. The Town will replace or repair mailboxes physically hit by a snow plow as long as the mailbox is at least 6 inches behind the pavement or berm. Mailboxes or fences damaged or pushed over by snow are not the Town's responsibility. All reports of damage to private property by the Town or its contractors must be reported in writing to the Town Administrator or to the Selectmen's office during regular business hours.

Private Snow Removal: Residents and their contractors and agents may not shovel or plow driveways and private property such that snow is intentionally placed or left in the public way.

Adopted: _____

By: The Carlisle Board of Selectmen

